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ACCESSING VIRTUAL DATABASE TABLE STRUCTURES  
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Appeal No. 2004-1060

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims**

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**Remarks**

Remarks begin on page 9.